

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE.

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JUDGMENTS

A DMITTEDLY this proposed legislation of limiting the number of players and team management may carry another course toward curtailing the power of the Chicago Cubs. The American is made that the Marquette committee will call all the championship timber at the close of the beginning of a season, and carries it along in trial, picking out permanent men, until too late to allow other teams to recruit up to the standard of the Cubs. By this means friends of the limitation measure, contend, the Cubs have two remnants and have a third clinched. Certainly whatever method will tend to equalize the chances of victory in any league should be commended as long as it works no injury in other directions. Yet many other judges question the soundness of the argument offered for the limitation proposition. It is evidently to be questioned if it will have the effect anticipated. Even far-reaching foresight and discriminate hindsight, combined with a liberal use of the long green arm, elements which have caused for much in the success of the Cubs' management. Tightening in the case of certain other managements has had its effect and must not be overlooked. The limitation rule could never be expected to cure that.

A space writer tells us that President O'Neill of the Western League announced at Lincoln Thanksgiving day that he could offer no hope for an eight-team league next season. So far as the news is this announcement is concerned, it is not startling, but the constant troubling of the fact becomes depressing. Mr. O'Neill can offer any hope for that or anything else, so far as the Western League is concerned. Because O'Neill has never yet shown that his hand is in the welfare of the Western League. If it was he would either make his headquarters on the circuit or at least keep in touch with the affairs of the League, neither of which has he done during his incumbency. And that isn't saying a thing untrue or unjust of O'Neill. Last season he was as completely divorced from the operations and interests of this League as if he had actually no official connection with it. The fact is the Western League can never hope for relief from the opposition it has so long suffered until O'Neill or some other man is not the head of affairs makes it his special business to guard and guide the destinies of the organization with a conscientious and consistent zeal. Playing up one club and down another because of friendship or enmity of respective managers, or ignoring all teams, is really not the work ordinarily expected out for the chief executive of any League. But about the eight-team scheme it is really better that the League continues as it is with six teams for another season than it is to incite on itself in the form of competing towns. The expansion the League had with a certain element the last year it was on the circuit is too fresh to mind to make any further experiments necessary or advisable. Of course if two live clubs could be taken in it would be a great thing for the League.

Isn't it about time to give Jimmy Ryan that appointment down the pike, "Grand Old Man of the Game"? If not, why not, and what are the requirements? Ryan's that's a name to conjure with and his is a career for study. Back in the '90 you find this same Ryan playing with old Adson and his famous White Sox. He was a member of the Chicago organization that made a tour of the world in 1896. And on down through the years Ryan has kept on playing ball, every year, and good ball at that. He is still at it. He has signed to play with and manage Montgomery. In the Southern League, now, and despite his question of a century of active playing he deserves his friends he is not a bad boy and will prove it during the season. Ryan has probably been playing manager of many teams in more leagues than any other man on the planet.

X. H. No. Ryan has not five claims on the "Grand Old Man" title. That belongs, by long odds, to Hibernian Jim O'Rourke, who owns, coaches, and manages his own team in the Connecticut State League and has been playing almost twice as long as Ryan.

This has been a bad year indeed for the Highlanders. His first love, were lost in the shuffle; the Cubs in deserting the League raised him as a prospect and now Major problems are on the way to speak with authority, that he will not only manage the Giants next year, but will make his return into Dixie for spring training.

"If anybody can show me a faster individual than Chase, Niles, Ellsworth, and Conroy I'll take off my hat to them," said Joe Wile, press agent for the Highlanders. How would this infant son of Chase, Niles, Ellsworth, and Hoffmann? Or do results count?

Why doesn't someone propose the injunction as a means of breaking up the present condition maintained by the Cubs? Or appeal to the Interstate Commerce commission.

Well, one problem is off the way for just now—namely the American League. Next is won't it give to the Highlanders.

"George Stone won't get \$500 next season." No, he and Hodges have compromised on \$400.

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TWO GREAT CLUBS JOIN HANDS

Union promises that the Affairs Will Be Permanent and Names Are Getting Cars Ready for Coming Meet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The questions as to the management and the future of the famous Daytona Beach races have been decided, the Automobile Club of America, directors voting to join hands with the Florida East Coast Automobile Association in the promotion and management of the sixth annual meet, which has been scheduled to take place in March. The last five tournaments on the fast course in Florida have been conducted by the Florida East Coast Automobile association, which built a club house on the beach at Daytona, and which meets have been productive of world records from 30 to 35 miles. Wishing to make the tournament more international in character than formerly, the Florida East Coast Automobile association desired to secure the co-operation of some powerful motor racing body, and through negotiations by its New York representative, W. J. Morgan, a proposition was made to the Automobile Club of America, the premier automobile organization of this country, which conducted the first automobile shows, endurance runs and race meets ever given in America.

As a promising organization, the Automobile Club of America is internationally known, and is the only organization that receives the full recognition of the Imperial Club of Great Britain, Germany, Italy and the automobile clubs of France. The arrangements for the meet in March will be entirely in the hands of the representatives of the Florida East Coast Automobile association and the Automobile Club of America, who will make up the program of events in the next few days, which will include long and short races, the principal event being the long race for purely racing cars and the long race for stock cars. The mile race for the Sir Thomas Davis trophy will take place as usual. But in order to do away with the possibility of the entry of what has been known as "break" cars, the management will insist that all cars entered for the mile and two-mile-a-minute speed crown race will have to qualify by going at least twenty miles at a minimum speed of forty-five seconds to the mile.

Jefferson de Mont Thompson, chairman of the racing board of the American Automobile association, has ordered a high-powered racing car from E. R. Thomas, the Buffalo manufacturer, and if the car is completed in time for the Florida beach meet Mr. Thompson will probably be a competitor in the special race that is being arranged for gentleman drivers. Thompson has little to say about his new car or what he expected it to do. It is plain, however, that he fully expects the new car to go strong. It will be a six-cylinder machine of eighty-horsepower. Thompson is confident that the Vanderbilt Cup race will be held next year.

NEW TEST RUN FOR NEXT JUNE

Trial Will Be Modeled on the Famous Scottish Plan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—What will probably be the most satisfactory test of motor cars that has ever been had in this country will be that scheduled for the last week in June, 1908, in the White Mountains. It will be patterned after the famous Scottish trials given each June by the Scottish Automobile Club through the hills and dales of Scotland.

The present plans propose to divide the cars into classes and give the winner of each class a principal prize, with awards for the second and third in each classification. The trials will last for six days, the first five days being devoted to runs which will take the drivers through the states, the start being made each day at Boston

and the return will be made each night, so that the participants will have ample hotel accommodation, as well as first class garage.

On the sixth day will occur the "rally in the clouds," up the eight-mile carriage road to the top of Mount Washington, 6,288 feet above sea level. In 1906 and 1907, such climbs were held, but they have been discontinued during the past two seasons, and it is thought that as the drivers in the hard-won, possible first and greatest of all hill climbs the entry list will be very large. It is quite possible that the entries for the five-day trials will be greater than those in honor of the races, while the competing clubs and their drivers visit.

The trials will probably be held under the auspices of White Mountain, Great Woods association, with a board of management selected from the principal New England clubs. The presidents of the clubs are in charge of W. J. Morgan, Bretton Hall, New York, who originated the "Clouds in the Clouds" and Florida Beach races.

OMAHA BOY FOR CAPTAIN

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guarantees of at least \$500 to make the trip. The expense might even exceed this amount. Aside from the money side of the matter the Comanches would have to defer their studies again for several weeks in order to keep in training. With their coach absent, this would be a difficult thing to attempt, and the team would probably lose the game in the end. Several of the players have already objected to the proposed trip. However, nothing definite regarding it will be known till an answer is received from Bishop, regarding the guarantee his Comanches would be willing to put up.

The decision of the conference to take over the management of the annual cross-country run, which previously have been in the hands of the Western Intercollegiate Cross-Country association, which Nebraska was a member, is considered a recognition of a sport which in recent years has received scant attention in western college, but in which Nebraska has taken a leading part in developing. So far the runs have been having been necessary to defray the expenses of the local Comanches representatives at St. Louis. Their success in winning the meet, to say nothing of permanent possession of the championship, is considered ample recompence, however.

Nebraska Runners.

It is thought that with the recognition which Nebraska has given now the sport's further development is due. Nebraska will probably keep up the work that has been done in long distance running during the last few years and will have a better chance to show strength in it by being pitted against a larger number of contestants yearly than has been the case before. Nebraska has three of the four runs conducted by the Cross-Country association and will endeavor to sustain the pace against more conference teams which may now be drawn into the competitions.

FOOTBALL PAYS THE FREIGHT

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ning team ever showed a balance on the right side of the ledger. Harvard's expenses in rowing last year were \$12,000 against receipts of \$10,000. The period of training for the crew is longer than that of either the base ball or foot ball squads, for in some colleges the crew is chosen in the fall and kept at some kind of work all winter that the men may be in the best possible condition in the spring.

The track team at the University of Pennsylvania cost about \$10,000 and the receipts were but about \$8,000. Croghan foot ball team was about even with the game before the last game with the Indians was played and the \$10,000 or so received by Croghan for that game is all velvet, and unless expended in other forms of athletics may be used in getting a competent coach for next year.

Foot ball is the game which furnishes the show of war by which nearly all other forms of college athletics are possible. It is little wonder the big colleges would hate to change the rules to do away with the drawing power of the great football sport. While the receipts of western colleges are not as great in foot ball, neither are the other forms of sport which game sports are as expensive as in the large eastern universities.

Sixties a Great Success.

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The attendance at the big games has been unprecedented this year and the only explanation that can be given is that the new style foot ball has "caught on" with the spectators and that last the majority of the spectators can witness a game with understanding, due to the open play that prevails. Whatever the cause, though, the fact remains that the six greater games of the year, those of Yale-Princeton, Yale-Harvard, Harvard-Cornell, Pennsylvania-Cornell, Army-Navy and

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BARRY MAY GO TO MADISON

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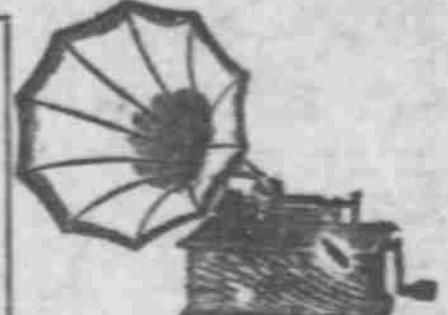
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